[MESSAGE FROM NUMBER_NINE]

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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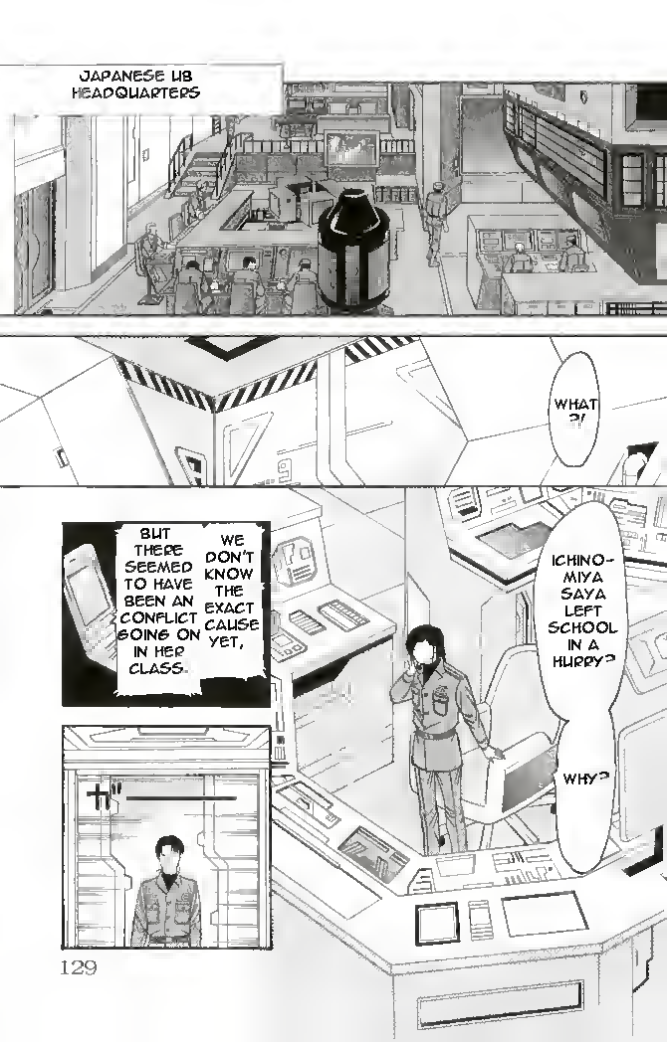
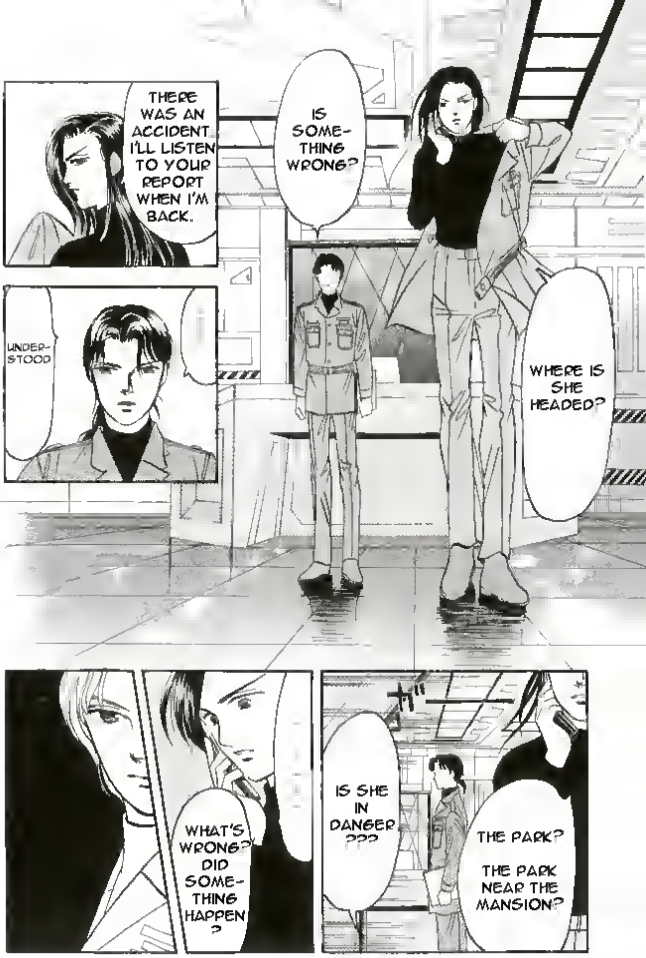

JAPANESE HB HEADQUARTERS
WHAT?!
ICHINOMIYA SAYA LEFT SCHOOL IN A HURRY?
WHY?
WE DON'T KNOW THE EXACT CAUSE YET,
BUT THERE SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN AN CONFLICT GOING ON IN HER CLASS.


THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT. I'LL LISTEN TO YOUR REPORT WHEN I'M BACK.
IS SOME-THING WRONG?
UNDER-STOOD
WHERE IS SHE HEADED?
WHAT'S WRONG? DID SOME-THING HAPPEN ?
IS SHE IN DANGER ???
THE PARK?
THE PARK NEAR THE MANSION?

I CAN'T TELL WHETHER THIS IS A GOOD THING OR A BAD THING...
NO... SHE'S NOT IN DANGER, BUT...
"SOS"
"SOS"
"SOS"
"SOS"
"SOS"
"SOS"
"SOS"
THIS IS REALLY UNEXPECTED
NINE, DID YOU PLAN THIS?
OH SHIT. I FORGOT MY BAG
"SOS"
"SOS"
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HEY, DAISUKE WE'RE LEAVING
THE SCHOOL IS ABOUT TO CLOSE
AND ICHINOMIYA IS PROBABLY AT HOME RIGHT NOW
SO, I GUESS SHE ENDED UP GOING HOME
BUT, TO BE THAT UPSET OVER A WOMAN
SHE MUST HAVE BEEN DEEPLY IN LOVE

I'M SO SORRY ICHIMOMIYA-SAN!!!
DAI-SUKE
WHY DID I SAY THAT?
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT !!!
BUT FOR ME TO BLURT OUT SUCH A THING IN FRONT OF THOSE HEARTLESS GIRLS...

HAS S.O.F BEGUN THEIR MOVEMENT?
THEY ALREADY HAVE A PLAN
YES
HOW FUN ~
AND I'LL BE ABLE TO GET THE 'THING' FROM THE GIRL
THINGS HAVE BECOME EVEN MORE INTERESTING
JUST AS EXPECTED, S.O.F WORKS QUICKLY
NOW WE HAVE AN ADVANTAGE OVER THE OTHER ORGANISATIONS

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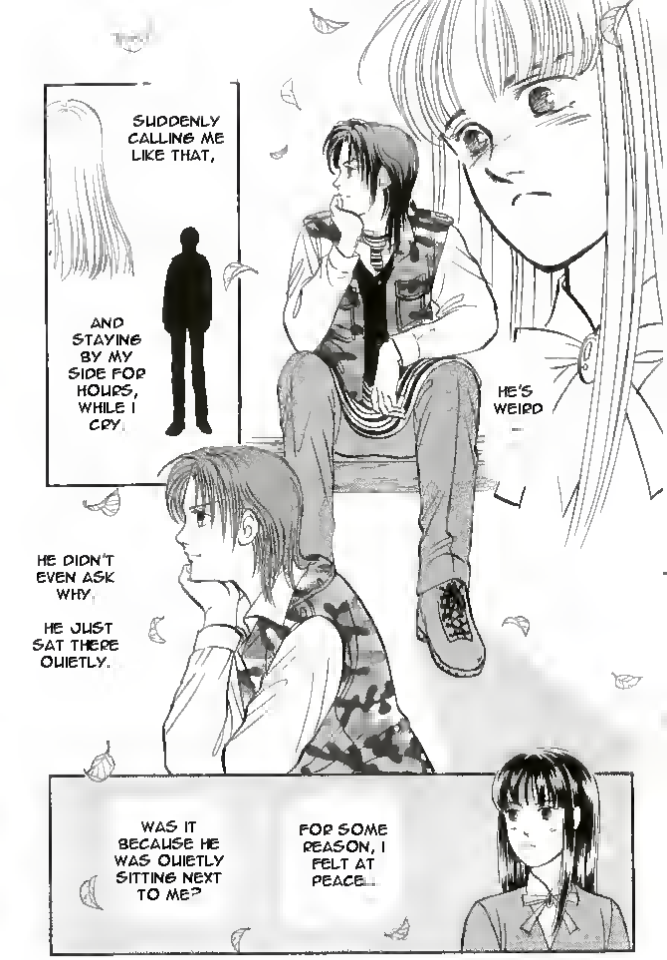
"SNIFFLE"
HAVE YOU STOPPED CRYING? ARE YOU OKAY NOW?
"NOD"
MHM

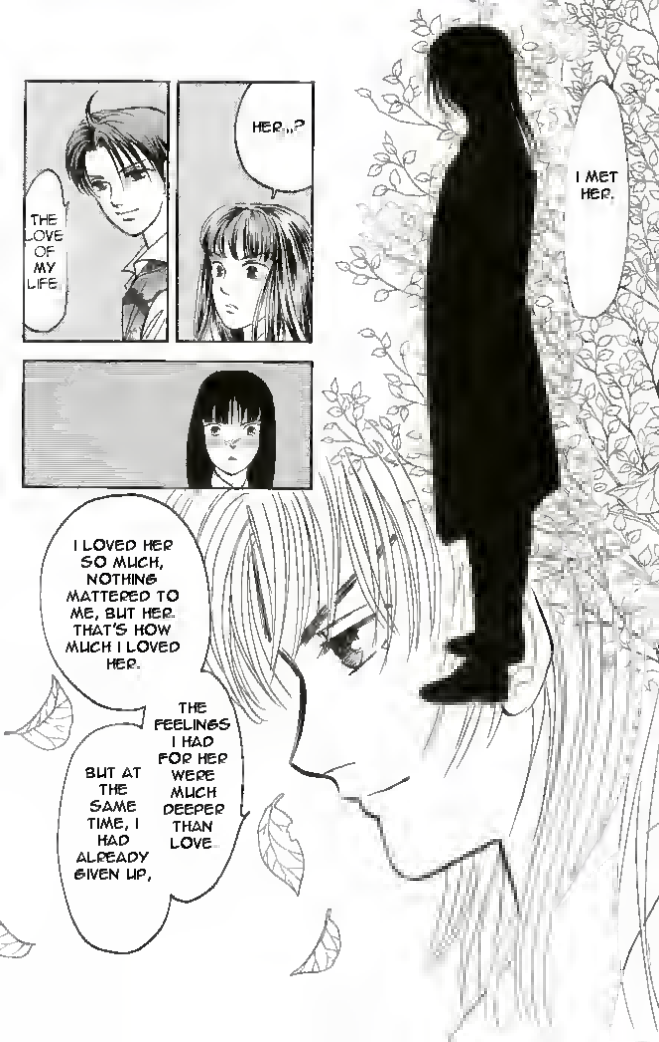
ALRIGHT, LET'S GO.
WH-ERE?
YOUR HOUSE, OF COURSE
MY HOUSE?
YUP.
YOU'RE NOT SEDUCING ME, ARE YOU?
NO!
YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG!
I SAW YOU ALL ALONE CRYING IN THAT KIND OF PLACE AND I GOT WORRIED. THAT'S ALL
AH
UMMM
UMMM

HE WAS WORRIED ???
BUT I'M JUST A STRANGER!
SO ...
ARE YOU OKAY?
I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME
I SEE ...
WELL THEN
I GUESS IT WON'T HURT TO STAY FOR A LITTLE LONGER.


SUDDENLY CALLING ME LIKE THAT,
AND STAYING BY MY SIDE FOR HOURS, WHILE I CRY.
HE'S WEIRD
HE DIDN'T EVEN ASK WHY.
HE JUST SAT THERE QUIETLY.
WAS IT BECAUSE HE WAS QUIETLY SITTING NEXT TO ME?
FOR SOME REASON, I FELT AT PEACE...

I MET SOMEONE A FEW DAYS AGO.
A BEAUTIFUL PERSON
YOU BOTH HAVE THE SAME WAY OF THINKING.
YOU SEE
WHEN I FIRST SAW HIM, I THOUGHT HE WAS AN ANGEL
I WAS A LONER, BUT ONE DAY, HE SAVED ME.
AND LIKE AN IDIOT, I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM.
THEN, HE STARTED TO TAKE CARE OF ME BY DROPPING ME OFF AT SCHOOL AND BRINGING ME BACK.
AFTER THAT, ME BEING A LONER DIDN'T MATTER ANYMORE. I JUST WANTED TO BE WITH HIM.
IT WAS A DREAM I THOUGHT WOULD COME TRUE.

I DON'T HAVE ANY PARENTS OR ANY RELATIVES I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ON MY OWN.
ME TOO
BUT IT WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.
HE MANAGED TO MAKE A CLOUDY-EYED GUY LIKE ME SMILE AGAIN. HE WAS LIKE A BROTHER TO ME. BUT HE GOT INVOLVED WITH THE WRONG PEOPLE AND DIED.
BUT THEN, SOMETHING AMAZING HAPPENED TO ME.
I USED THE MONEY MY PARENTS LEFT ME TO PAY FOR SCHOOL.
HE WAS CRAZY, YET AMAZING.
I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ALONE, BUT I NEVER FELT DOWN BECAUSE OF THAT GUY.

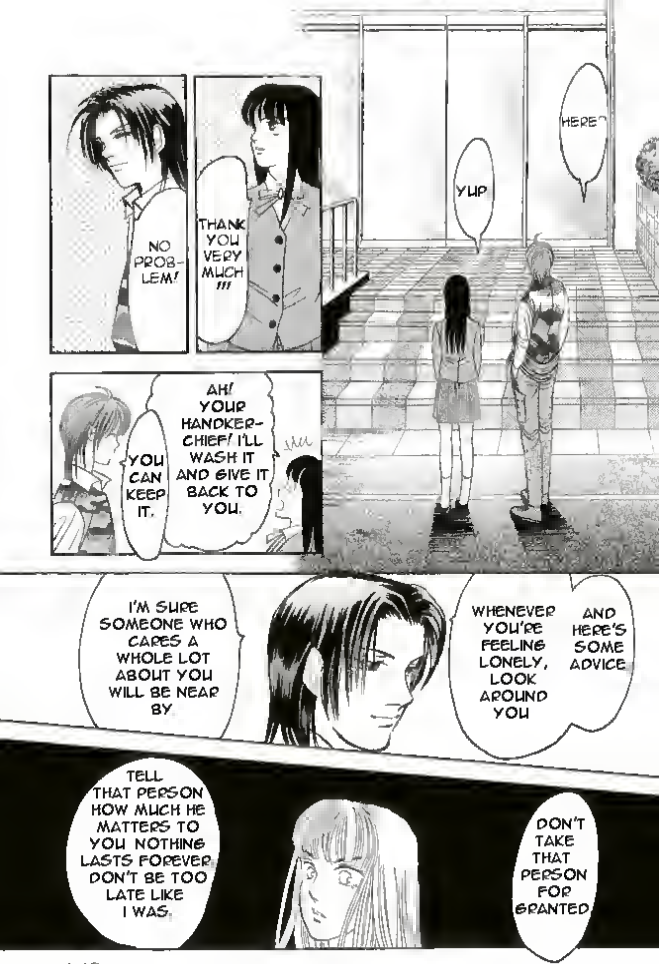

I MET HER.
HER...?
THE LOVE OF MY LIFE.
I LOVED HER SO MUCH, NOTHING MATTERED TO ME, BUT HER. THAT'S HOW MUCH I LOVED HER.
THE FEELINGS I HAD FOR HER WERE MUCH DEEPER THAN LOVE.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I HAD ALREADY GIVEN UP,

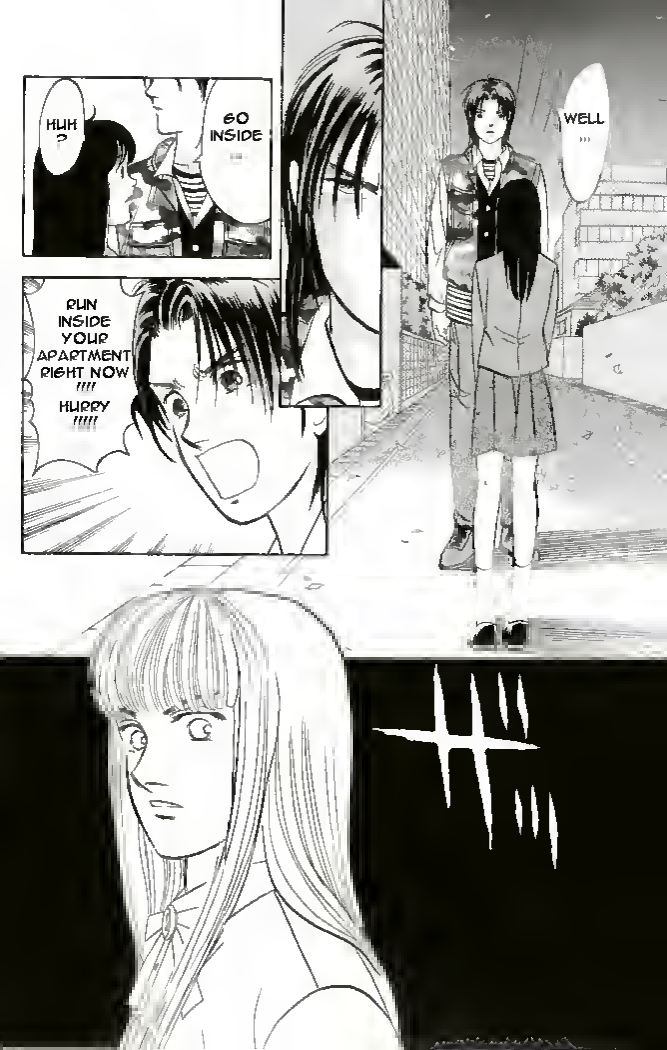
BECAUSE SHE WAS NOT AN ORDINARY PERSON
THE WORLD SHE LIVED IN WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM MINE.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I LOVED HER,
OUR RELATION-SHIP WAS JUST A DREAM, A FANTASY.
SHE AGREED WITH ME, TOO.
MY LIFE WOULD CONSTANLY BE IN DANGER IF I STAYED NEAR HER. SO SHE LEFT.
FOR MY SAKE ...
SO ONE DAY, I WOKE UP AND DECIDED TO FACE THE TRUTH
YOU SPLIT UP?
NO

EVEN THOUGH THE CHANCES OF MEETING AGAIN WERE SLIM,
I BELIVED THAT I WOULD FIND HER
I THREW AWAY EVERY THING I OWNED,
AND I FOLLOWED HER
HE'S SMILING
ME TRAVELING ALONE WAS DANGEROUS, AND PROBABLY LIFE-THREATENING,
BUT I DIDN'T CARE I JUST WANTED TO BE BY HER SIDE
SHE'S THE ONLY REASON WHY I HAVE THE DESIRE TO LIVE

OUR WAY OF THINKING ISN'T THE SAME
ANYWAYS, I DIDN'T MEAN TO BRAG ABOUT MY LOVE LIFE... UMM...
AH SORRY! ALL I DID WAS TALK ABOUT MYSELF.
NO IT'S NOT THE SAME
DOING ALL THAT JUST TO BE BY HER SIDE...
TO HAVE HER FOR HIMSELF...
CERTAINLY, SOMEONE LIKE ME
CAN NEVER SMILE AS BEAUTIFULLY, AND AS BRIGHTLY AS HIM

STRANGE ENCOUNTER, TOO.
SUCH A STRANGE PERSON...
'KAY.
OKAY! LET'S GO NOW.
MY HEART FEELS LIGHTER NOW.
BUT WAIT...
WHEN DID I EVER TELL HIM ABOUT MY PARENTS?


NO PROB-LEM!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!
AH! YOUR HANDKER-CHIEF! I'LL WASH IT AND GIVE IT BACK TO YOU.
YOU CAN KEEP IT.
YUP.
HERE?
I'M SURE SOMEONE WHO CARES A WHOLE LOT ABOUT YOU WILL BE NEAR BY.
WHENEVER YOU'RE FEELING LONELY, LOOK AROUND YOU
AND HERE'S SOME ADVICE.
TELL THAT PERSON HOW MUCH HE MATTERS TO YOU. NOTHING LASTS FOREVER. DON'T BE TOO LATE LIKE I WAS.
DON'T TAKE THAT PERSON FOR GRANTED.


WELL
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GO INSIDE
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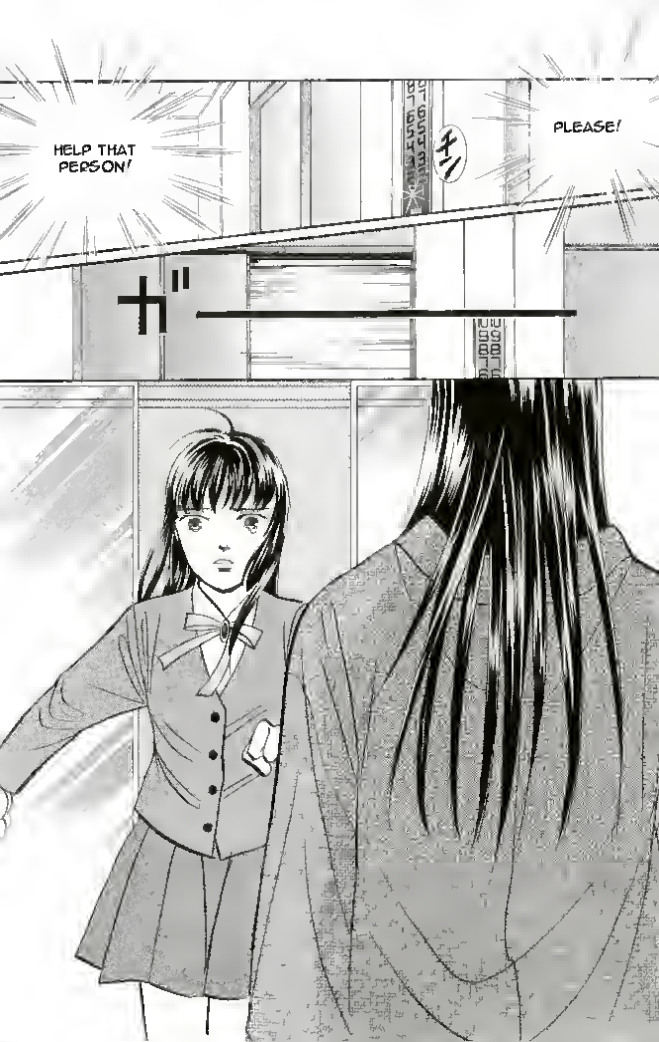
HUH ?
RUN INSIDE YOUR APARTMENT RIGHT NOW !!!!! HURRY !!!!!

KYAAA!!!

GO! HURRY !!!
HELP!
SOMEBODY PLEASE HELP!


HELP THAT PERSON!
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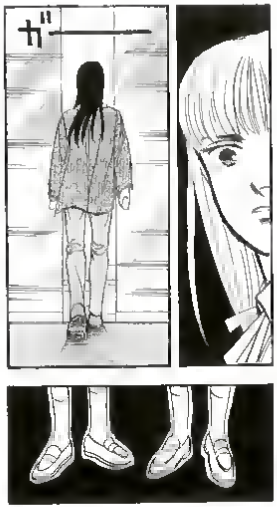
GO TO YOUR ROOM WE'LL TALK WHEN I'M DONE.